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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: Johnny M. Hickman      Group Art Unit: 1734  
Serial No.: 10/698,337      Examiner: Sells, James D.  
Filing Date: October 31, 2003      Docket No.: 18794-00062  
Title: WELDING TIP

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action dated June 15, 2005, setting a shortened statutory period for response of 3 months (response due September 15, 2005). As this Response is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing dated September 20, 2005, along with a petition for a one-month extension and the required fee of \$120, Applicants believe no additional fees appear due. However, if any additional fees are required regarding the filing of this Response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 13-0265.

Please reconsider the standing rejections for claims 1-20 in light of the following amendments and comments.